

The Holiday Party
of the
“Metropolitan Regiment”
given to
The Home Members
by the
305th Infantry Auxiliary



*Our very own, as they will appear, marching
through the Victory Arch, on review*

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Souvenir Program

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At Lexington Theatre

Lexington Avenue and Fifty-first Street
New York City

On the Evening of December Twenty-ninth
Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen



GENERAL PERSHING

“Lafayette, we are here”

Cable received from General Pershing
by Mr. Stephen Olin:

“Cordial greetings to the Three Hundred and
Fifth Infantry Auxiliary Regiment and many
thanks for its assistance and support.”

“Pershing.”



MAJOR GENERAL J. FRANKLIN BELL, U. S. A.

Cable received from Colonel Raymond Sheldon,
commanding 305th Infantry :

"The regiment sends its loving greetings for Christmas
to those at home, remembering especially those whose
dear ones have given the last full measure of their de-
votion to Truth and Liberty."

"Raymond Sheldon, Colonel General Staff,
commanding 305th Infantry."

Telegram received from Major General Witenmyer :

"Christmas Greetings and thanks to all mem-
bers of the 305th Infantry Auxiliary. There
is nothing better than the 305th."

"Witenmyer,
Major General."



OUR BRIGADIER GENERAL
WILLIAM R. SMEDBERG, Jr.

November 14, 1918.

MY DEAR MRS. MILLER:

Many thanks for your letter of congratulations. I assure you I appreciated it.

I was, of course, glad to get the promotion but so sorry to leave the regiment, of which I am so proud.

Just now it is commanded by a lieutenant-colonel, and I am selfish enough to wish that it never has a colonel assigned to it, so that I may have the distinction of having been the only colonel the 305th Infantry ever had.

The men have been so splendid through it all. In this last drive they started on September 26th, and, while they were out of the line for two weeks, there was no ground gained and they took over the line as they had left it and then went on. They were not relieved until the day after the armistice was signed. I think the division is one, if not the only one, division that started September 26th and continued to the end.

The men were not in the best physical condition and at times seemed to keep up on their nerve and grit, and I think that all may be justly proud of what has been accomplished and the part the 77th Division played in it.

Since September 26th we have advanced 60 kilometers. Other divisions followed closely, to take our place if the division faltered, but they had no opportunity to get in front. In fact, as I heard one man from another division say, they never caught up with the front.

We have had our share of losses, officers and enlisted men, but we are proud to think of them as being of us. While we sympathize with the families, we cannot help feeling that the families are also proud of the part those they have lost played, and that the results now gained were worth the sacrifice in the cause of humanity and civilization.

I wonder if you workers for the Auxiliary really know the good you are doing. I think that all the men do and I, for one, am deeply appreciative.

With many thanks for your congratulations, and with kindest regards to you and your fellow workers.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. SMEDBERG, Jr.



OUR CHAPLAIN BROWNE

"I stand with uncovered head before our boys"

Cable just received from the Chaplain :

"Christmas Funds received. Companies unite in thanks.
Send Christmas Greeting to our Auxiliary."
"Browne."

The Regiment

The Regiment was formed in September, 1917.

To half finished barracks in a half-cleared forest, by the chances of the draft and the accidents of the Adjutant General's office, there came a handful of soldiers by profession, some scores of men who for a few weeks had studied the military art and nearly four thousand young citizens ignorant of war. Some eager, some reluctant, all unready they encountered unfamiliar hardship and restraint. Drill dealt with their muscles; discipline brought incessant reminders of duty: their bearing became that of the most active, their endurance that of the strongest. Formations became solid and movement rhythmic. They were armed and uniformed. The great body began to have a military semblance. Officers and men grew proud of themselves and of each other. They were aware of their ordered strength and conscious of a collective purpose. The great tradition of soldiership laid hold of them. They received the colors—the stars and stripes, emblem of the American heritage and the Regimental color, emblem of the honor which was and the glory which might be their very own.

Into the great body was breathed the breath of life—the *esprit du corps*—the Regiment had found its soul.

Then they went away. They faced toil and hardships which a year ago would have broken them. They took their part in desperate fighting. They helped to win famous victories.

These men who were strangers to each other are comrades now. For life and liberty they have learned to rely upon each other's courage and constancy. They have followed less than we, the fortunes of the campaign, but they know what happens to the Regiment. They think little of the safety of democracy or of the fate of civilization, but day by day they do the regimental duty on which these things rest. Most of them will return: they will reverently put away the colors. The regiment will disband, but it will leave to its members a firmer character, a higher sense of duty, a wider outlook on the world. Because of it they will be better, more prosperous, more honored citizens. Their lives will be fuller of friendship, of proud and tender memories, and fifty years from now old men will stand straighter when they say "I belonged to the Three Hundred and Fifth Infantry."

STEPHEN H. OLIN.

The Auxiliary

The same chances which brought into close union at Camp Upton almost four thousand men who had been strangers to each other, imposed upon almost four thousand scattered families ties of mutual sympathy and special duty.

To aid in performing that duty and to find expression for that sympathy is the purpose of the Auxiliary.

It was formed with ceremony. A few hundred people by permission of the Engineers' Club met in their Club House.

Colonel Smedburg came from Camp, bringing his staff, his band, the Glee Club, even the colors, and in grave and simple words asked that relatives of his officers and men should come together in remembrance and service of the departing regiment. This invitation received a general and cordial acceptance. Each family symbolized its soldier by a star. These stars were all in one constellation. When it shone these households were bright. A cloud that hid it threw a shadow upon them all. With such sympathy they could well work together. But even with united effort and abundant zeal it has not been easy to know how the most efficient work may be done.

For centuries men have made regiments but women are only beginning to make regimental auxiliaries and there is much to learn about them. Progress has been made. Every day and for long hours members of the auxiliary are busied at its office with questions of difficulty or anxiety brought to them by soldiers' relatives and from these cases they have tried to frame a system of helpfulness.

It has been sought to provide things for the soldiers' use, such as tobacco, comfort kits, writing paper, stockings, and these efforts grew more effective as the difficulties in the way were understood and surmounted.

There has been an attempt to share the benefit of the soldier's letter with people only less interested in it than the wife or the mother to whom he writes.

If bad news comes to any man's home it has been provided that a word of encouragement and sympathy in the name of his regiment or, better still, of his company, shall closely follow.

Meetings are held of the relatives by company units, one by one, and as time goes on these meetings have grown more intimate and friendly.

Women used to work have worked harder; anxious women have for the sake of others put on serenity; heartbroken women have heartened those about them by calm and courage. Here, too, has been *Esprit de Corps*.

It may be that of all this activity the indirect and unforeseen results will not be the least important.

Perhaps the Auxiliary may prepare the social framework which shall support and preserve the homecoming comradeship—that noble comradeship formed on the fighting fields of France.

Be this as it may, all the hundreds who have worked together may to-day rejoice in General Smedburg's letter of approval and be proud of General Pershing's message of thanks.

STEPHEN H. OLIN.

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THE HOLIDAY PARTY

given to

The Home Members

by the

Three Hundred and Fifth Infantry Auxiliary

at the

LEXINGTON THEATRE

On the Evening of December Twenty-ninth, 1918

PROGRAM

1. OVERTURE by PELHAM BAY NAVY BAND

Courtesy of Lieutenant Frost, 3rd Naval District

2. CHAIRMAN, MR. STEPHEN H. OLIN

3. MAJOR GENERAL J. FRANKLIN BELL, U. S. A.

4. MR. FRANK V. POLLOCK

a. L'Alba Sapara	Tosti
b. L'Aubade	Lallo
c. Ideale	Tosti

Accompanist, Mr. Frederick Cheswright

5. REV. ERNEST M. STIRES, D.D.

6. MADAME ALDA

a. The Star-Spangled Banner
b. God Save the King
c. Marseillaise

I N T E R M I S S I O N

PROGRAM—Continued

7. SERGEANT HENRY DENISH
(Just back from France)
8. MR. LEON FLATEAU (at the Piano) in his own songs
9. MISS AMPERITO FARRAR
Accompanist, Mrs. Farrar
10. DOROTHY DICKSON } in Dances
CARL TYSON }
11. MR. FRANK V. POLLOCK
 - a. Little Mother of Mine..... *Burleigh*
 - b. I Hear You Calling Me *Marshall*
 - c. Mother Machree..... *Olcott*

Accompanist, Mr. Frederick Cheswright
12. MR. B. C. HILLIAN, Pianogogues
13. MR. JOHN HAZARD
Courtesy of Klaw & Erlanger
14. MISS MARIE DRESSLER
15. LIEUTENANT J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON, 15th Infantry, N. Y. G.
At the Piano, singing his own compositions
 - a. The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground
 - b. Lit'l Gal
 - c. Welcome Home Again
16. HOME, SWEET HOME—PELHAM BAY NAVY BAND

Stage Manager, MISS ELSA MAXWELL

The enclosed sketch by Lieutenant Percy L. Crosby, formerly of Company D, 305th Infantry, was made for the Program. It arrived too late for the cover, so we enclose it as a Souvenir of the Holiday Entertainment

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"Say it with Flowers"

Charles H. Brown

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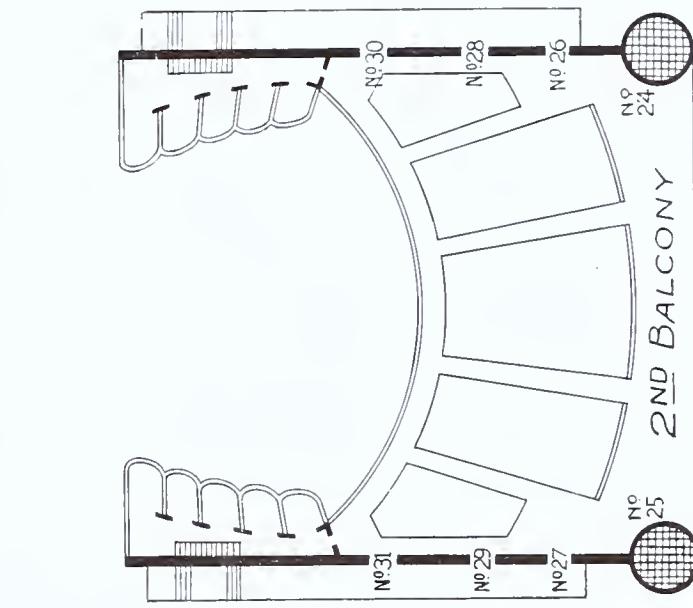
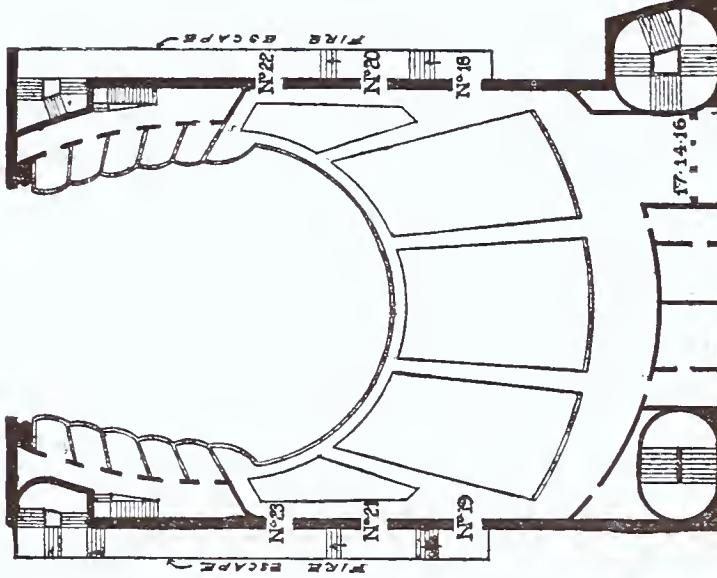
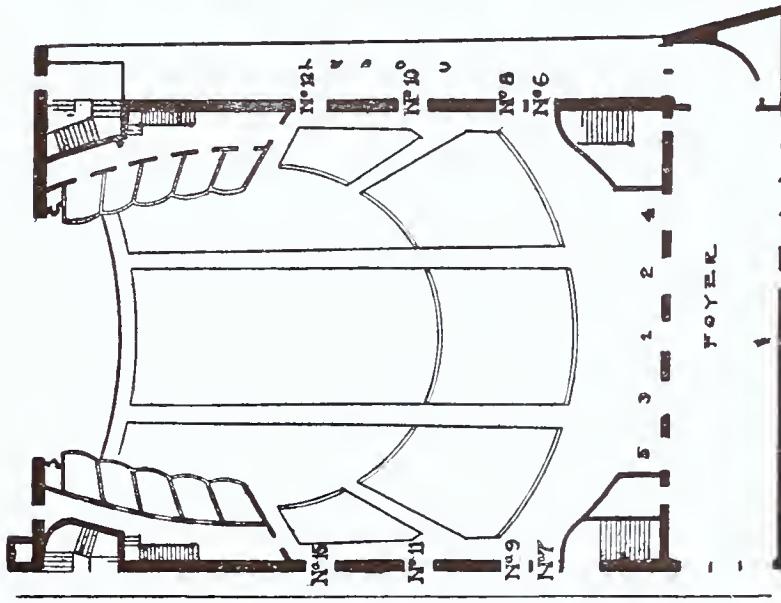
EXITS—No. 1-2-3-4 lead out through foyer and lobby to Lexington Avenue.
 EXITS—No. 6-8-10-12 lead out through court into alley and out into 51st St. near 3rd Ave.
 EXITS—No. 7-9-11-15 lead out into 51st St.

1st BALCONY

EXITS—No. 14-16-17 lead from balcony entrance down through lobby and into Lexington Ave.
 EXITS—No. 18-20-22 down fire escape into alley and out through 51st St. near 3rd Ave.
 EXITS—No. 19-21-23 down fire escape on 51st St. side.

2nd BALCONY

EXITS—No. 24 leads down through main lobby and out to Lexington Ave., No. 25 down stairs and out to 51st St.
 EXITS—No. 26-28-30 down fire escapes into alley and out to 51st St. near 3rd Ave.
 EXITS—No. 27-29-31 down fire escapes on 51st St. side.



RED LIGHTS INDICATE EXITS



JOSEPH MENNELL DEL.

“That Liberty shall not perish from the earth”

*She bade them
“Bon Voyage”
and is now waiting to speak her
WELCOME*